



Republic of the Philippines  
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod  
City of Naga



**ORDINANCE NO. 96-012**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NAGA EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (NEED) PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: -**

Author: Joint & Collective

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

**SECTION 1. - SHORT TITLE.** - This ordinance shall be known as the “Early Education and Development Ordinance of Naga City”.

**SECTION 2. - DECLARATION OF POLICY.** - It is the declared policy of the state to promote the general welfare and well-being of the Filipino child; insure his access to quality education; provided equal benefits and opportunities to the disabled; and promote partnership with non-government organizations to enhance local autonomy.

**SECTION 3. - THE NEED PROGRAM.** - The Naga Early Education and Development (NEED) Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program, is hereby institutionalized to coordinate, pursue and implement local educational projects and activities geared primarily towards their young, consistent with the national government’s Education for all (EFA) Program.

**SECTION 4. - OBJECTIVES.** - The program shall primarily strive to improve access to quality early education services for all Nagueños pre-schoolers, regardless of their mental and physical status and their family’s socio-economic standing. Specifically, it seeks to attain the following:

Upgrade existing day care services to provide Montessori-type instruction. For this purpose, it will strive to establish at least one Montessori-type day care center (DCC) in each sitio, establish a model DCC that will showcase the program, and serve as its operations base and training center for volunteer workers; and equip each center with the minimum trained workers, instructional equipment and learning devices required for its efficient and effective operation;

Strengthen delivery of early education services to the disabled sector. For this purpose, it will strive to provide specialized care for mentally handicapped residents, regardless of socio-economic status; enhance service deliver mechanisms of the local Special Education (SPED) center, and upgrade instruction for the physical handicapped to high school level.

Sustain the existence of these components by tapping and matching resources of the community, specifically the parents, the barangay council, national and local NGOs and national government agencies.

Identify and implement ways and means of enhancing parental participation in various projects and activities of the Program.

**SECTION 5. - THE NEED BOARD.** - The NEED Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, is hereby created to serve the Program's policy-formulating and direction-setting body. It shall be composed of the following:

The City Mayor	Chairman
Chairperson of Padangat Foundation	Vice-Chairman
Chairman of SP Committee on Education	Member
Head of the City Social Welfare & Development Office	Member
President of Day Care Parent- Teachers Association	Member
President of Rotary Club of Naga East	Member

**SECTION 6. - THE NEED COORDINATOR.** - The NEED Board Chairman shall appoint a Coordinator whose main task shall be the coordination of individuals programs, projects and activities of various NEED components to ensure that they are consistent with Program objectives spelled out under Section 4.

**SECTION 7. - PARTNERSHIPS WITH NGOS.** - Under the auspices of the Program, the City Government shall prioritize assistance to government and non-government partners in the implementation of the priority projects and activities consistent with Program objectives spelled out under Section 4; Provided, that all forms of assistance shall be matched with appropriate counterpart from the partner-proponent.

**SECTION 8.- SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If for any reason or reasons, any part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** - This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**ENACTED:** February 14, 1996.

**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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City Secretary

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City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

**JESSE M. ROBREDO**  
City Mayor